

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, the last two years would be consecutive then, wouldn't they?

SENATOR ABOUD: Right. Under this sta...under this law.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So...

SENATOR ABOUD: Now if the company had changed though, then it would be...let's say they formed a new company three years ago, they were under the unemployment insurance fund for the first year, the 3.5 percent, they changed the company's name on the second year, then they came back with a third year, then they would be looking at the...two of those years, the two preceding years.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, if they changed the company's name...

SENATOR ABOUD: Uh-huh.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...then they couldn't use that experience, could they?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, they said they could, the two preceding calendar years.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I guess I'm really puzzled by that explanation and perhaps, I guess, I'll pass on this first go-round and see how that...how that would work, because we're changing it from "the preceding calendar years" to "any two preceding calendar years", regardless of whether they are consecutive, and that means that the Department of Labor then will select two years at random and I need to know more about how they go about that. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Is there any other discussion on the adoption of the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Aboud to close. Waives closing. The question is, shall the committee amendments to LB 334 be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.